Looking Beyond the Standard Model with neutrons and nuclei

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Why use n and nuclei ?

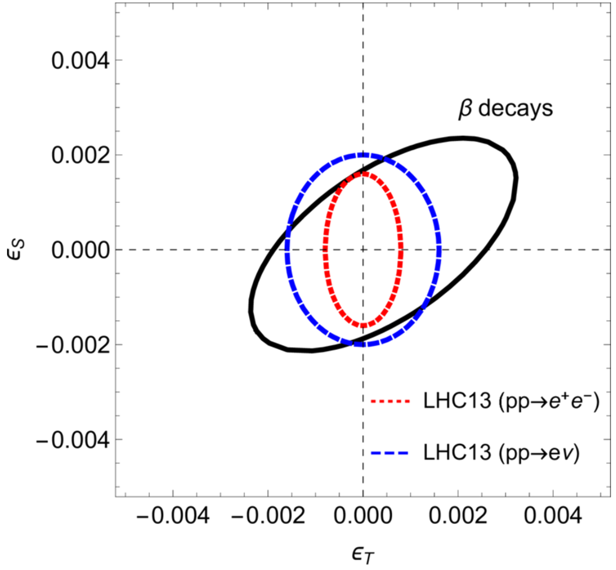
- **Beta decay**
  n and nuclei extensively used to establish the properties of the weak interaction in the framework of the SM

- **Effective Field Theory**
  Model independent approach : no assumption on NP origin

  Wilson coefficients :

$$\epsilon_i \propto \left(\frac{m_W}{\Lambda}\right)^2 \sim 10^{-3}$$

TeV NP scale



⇨ **Beta decay brings independent and competitive constraints to HEP in the weak sector when going to 0.1% level**

M. González-Alonso, O. Naviliat-Cuncic, N. Severijns Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. (2019)
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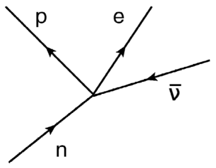

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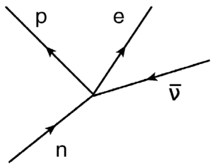

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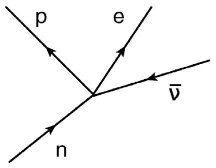

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EFT

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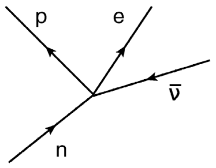

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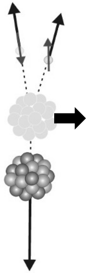

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β–ν correlation coefficient
CP conserving
Access to C_S and C_T quadratically

Fierz interference term
CP conserving
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« D » coefficient
CP violating
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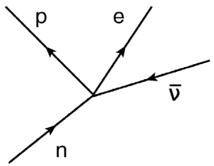

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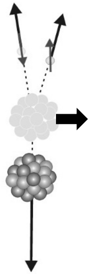

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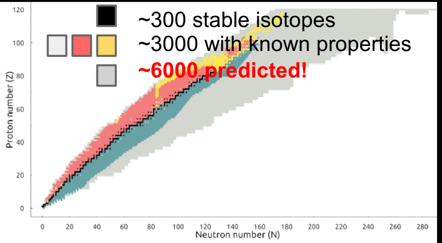

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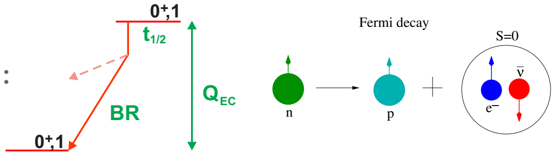

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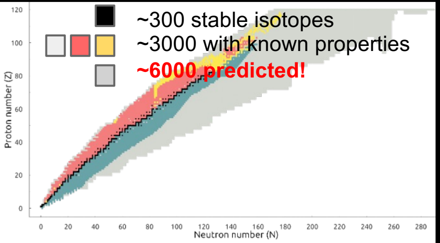

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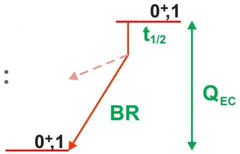

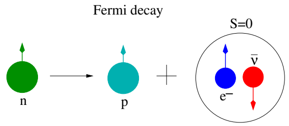

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$t_{1/2}$ and BR
Δε ~ 0.2%

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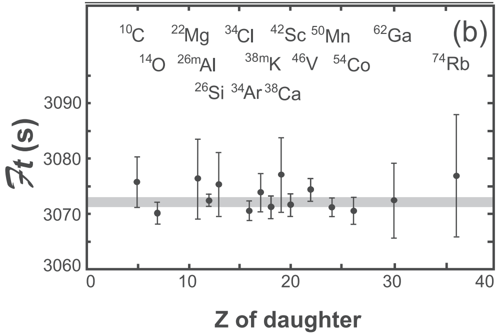

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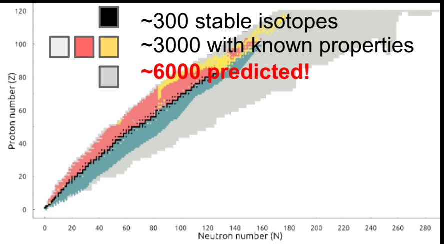

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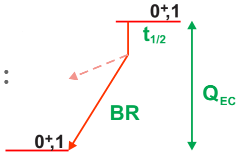

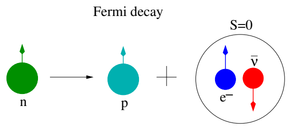

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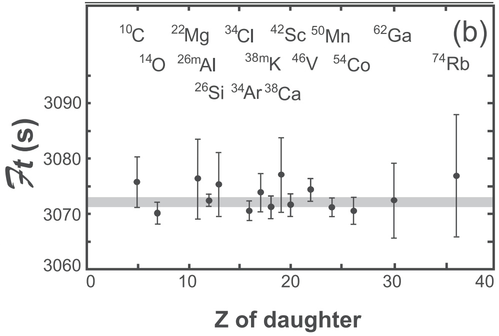

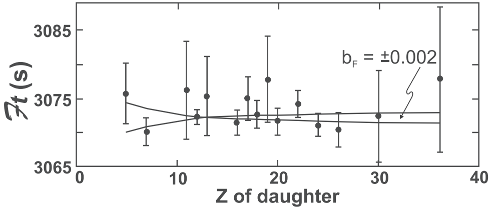

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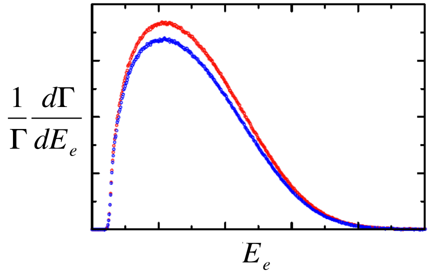
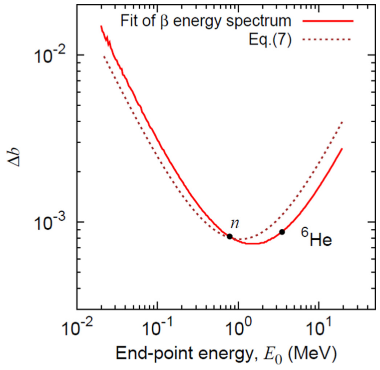
Highest sensitivity candidates due to kinematics : endpoint energy 1-4 MeV
All theoretical corrections under control at 0.1% level





- **Experimental Challenges**
  - Electron backscattering
  - energy loss in source
  - Detector dead layer

- **Set-ups : 4π, MWDC, CRES…**
  Ongoing programs with ^{6}He@LPC, ^{114}In@Leuven, ^{20}F…

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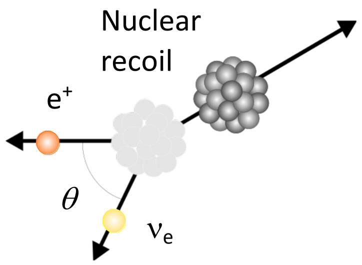

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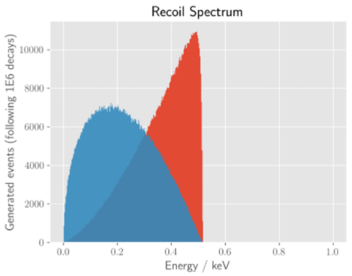

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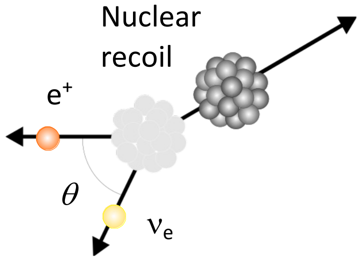

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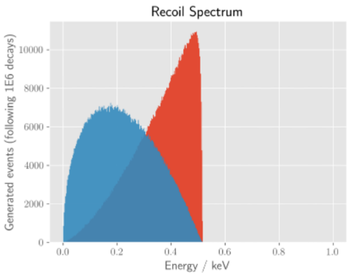

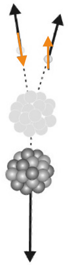

Pure Fermi transition ΔJ=0 S=0

$$a_F \cong 1 - \frac{|C_S|^2 + |C'_S|^2}{|C_V|^2} \quad = 1$$

$$b_F \approx \pm Re\left(\frac{C_S + C'_S}{C_V}\right) \quad = 0$$

➪ Best measurement a_F at 0.48%

Gorelov, A. et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 1425 (2005)

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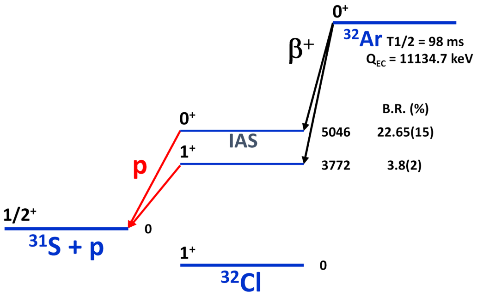
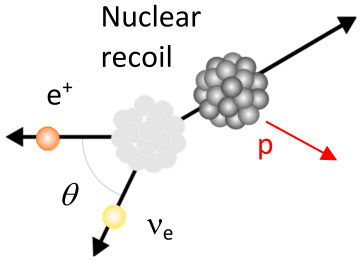
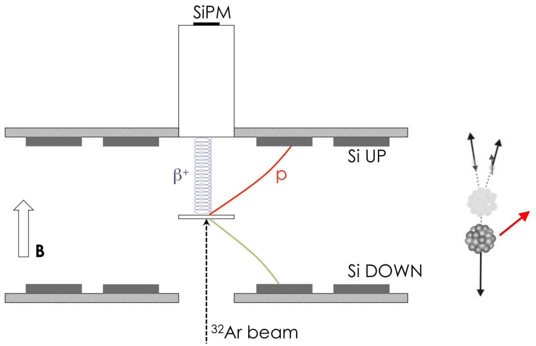
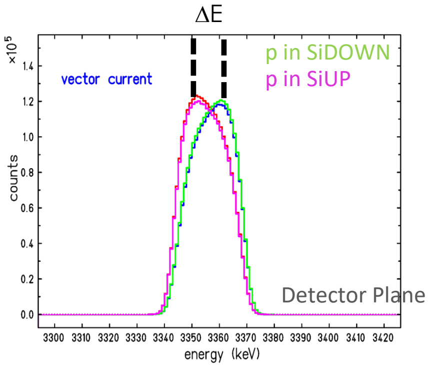
- **β-delayed p emission in ^{32}Ar**
  - Fermi $0^+ \longrightarrow 0^+$ transition from GS to IAS
  - Recoil energy ~100s eV
  - Beta delayed p emission ~ 3 MeV
  - IAS : Γ ~ 20 eV ⇔ $T_{1/2}$ ~ 10^{-17} s
  - ➪ p emission in flight from the recoil





- **β-p coincidence measurement**
  - Beta detector with detection threshold below 10 keV
  - Strong magnetic field
  - 2 symmetrical p detectors with resolution < 15 keV and high solid angle





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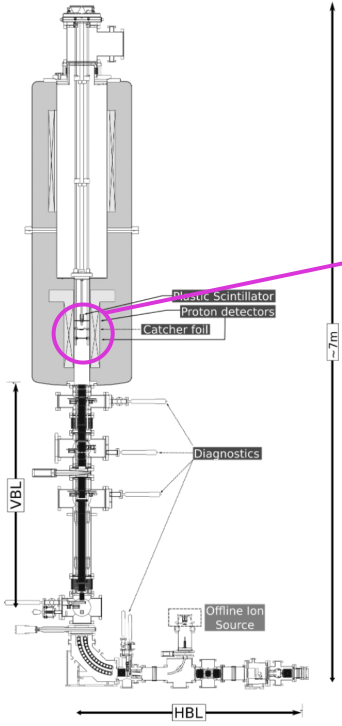
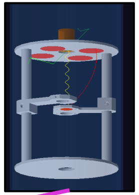




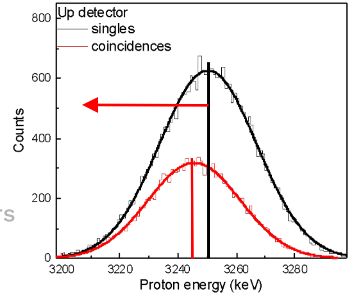
β detector: plastic scintillator and SiPM

6 μm mylar Catcher

2 x 4 proton detectors
(300 μm Si Detectors)

in B = 4 T
(WITCH magnet)

+ FASTER DAQ

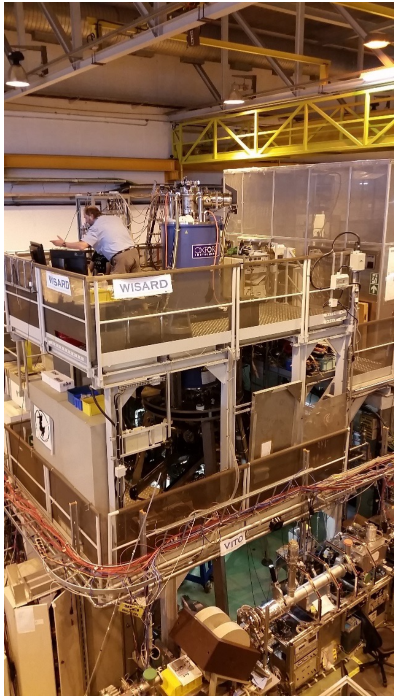


Proof-of-principle (2018)

- Readily available β and p detectors
- ~ 1700 pps of ^{32}Ar instead of 3000 nominal
- ~ 35h of beamtime

$$\Delta E_F = 4.49(3)\ keV$$
$$\tilde{a}_F = 1.007(32)_{stat}(25)_{syst}$$

➪ **3rd best result**



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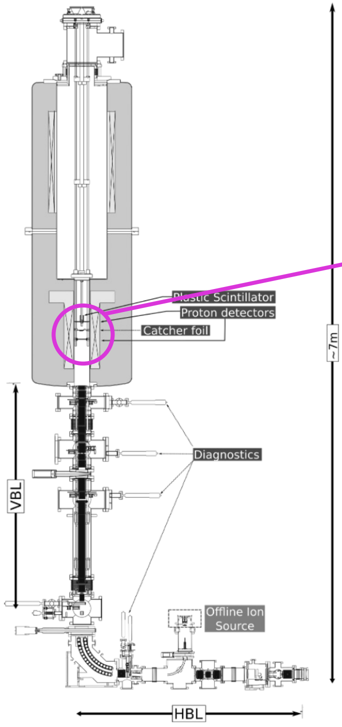
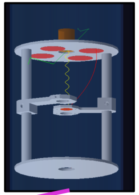
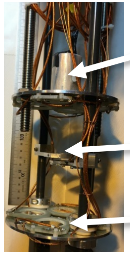






β detector: plastic scintillator and SiPM

6 μm mylar Catcher

2 x 4 proton detectors
(300 μm Si Detectors)

in B = 4 T
(WITCH magnet)

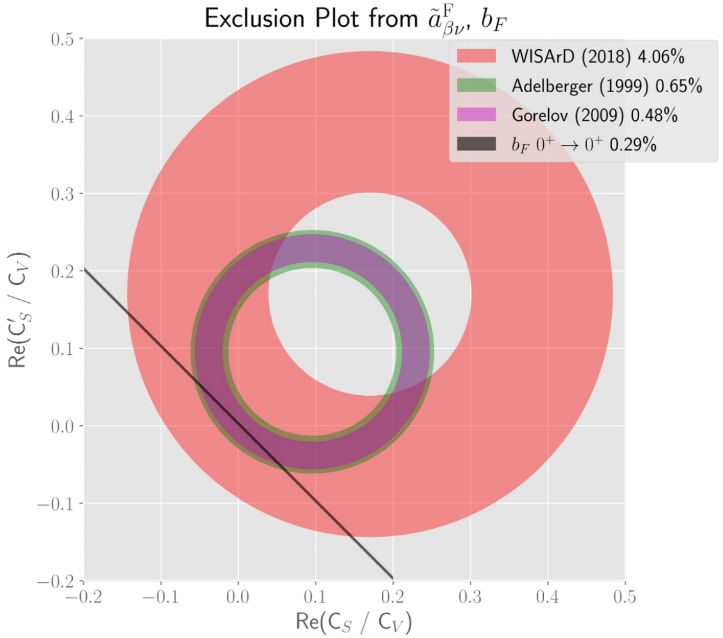
+ FASTER DAQ

Proof-of-principle (2018)

- Readily available β and p detectors
- ~ 1700 pps of ^{32}Ar instead of 3000 nominal
- ~ 35h of beamtime

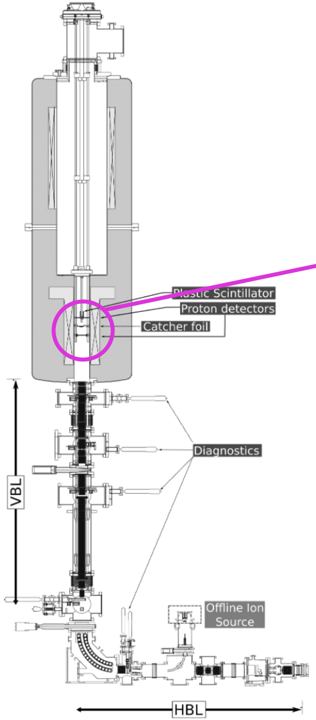
$$\Delta E_F = 4.49(3)\ keV$$
$$\tilde{a}_F = 1.007(32)_{stat}(25)_{syst}$$

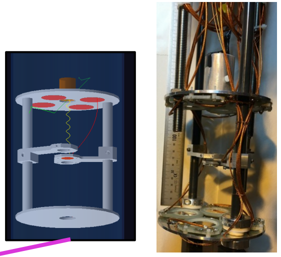
➩ **3rd best result**

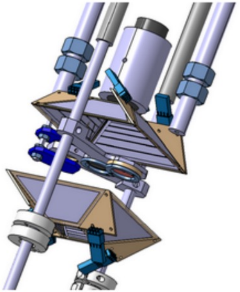


Exclusion plot from D. Atanasov
V. Araujo-Escalona et al. Phys. Rev. C 101 (2020)

WISArD at ISOLDE



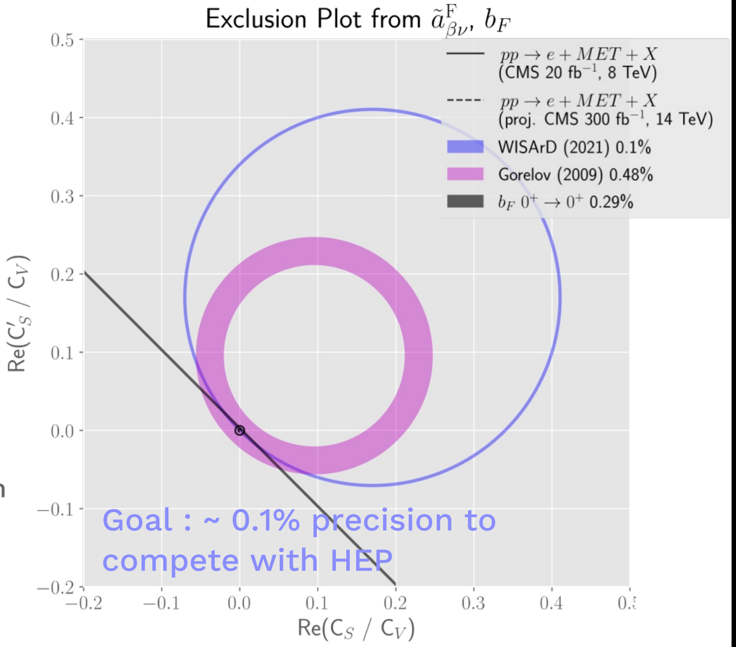




2022 Upgrade

- **Ion beam transport**
  98% transmission (SIMION)
- **p detectors**
  40% solid angle + 10 keV resolution + 100 nm dead layer
- **Beta detector**
  Lower detection threshold + Validation of backscattering (GEANT4)

Next data taking : spring 2023



Goal : ~ 0.1% precision to compete with HEP

Exclusion plot from D. Atanasov

Correlation measurements : many projects

$$\frac{dW(\mathbf{J})}{dE_e d\Omega_e d\Omega_\nu} = dW_0 \times \xi \left\{1 + a\frac{\mathbf{p}_e\cdot\mathbf{p}_\nu}{E_eE_\nu} + b\frac{m_e}{E_e} + \frac{<\mathbf{J}>}{J}\cdot\left(A\frac{\mathbf{p}_e}{E_e} + B\frac{\mathbf{p}_\nu}{E_\nu} + D\frac{\mathbf{p}_e\times\mathbf{p}_\nu}{E_eE_\nu}\right)\right\}$$

^{6}He @ LPC (Paul trap)
^{8}Li @ ANL (Paul trap)
^{6}He @ ANL (MOT)
^{32}Ar @ Texas A&M (Penning)
^{38m}K @ TRIUMF (MOT)
n @ aSPECT
...

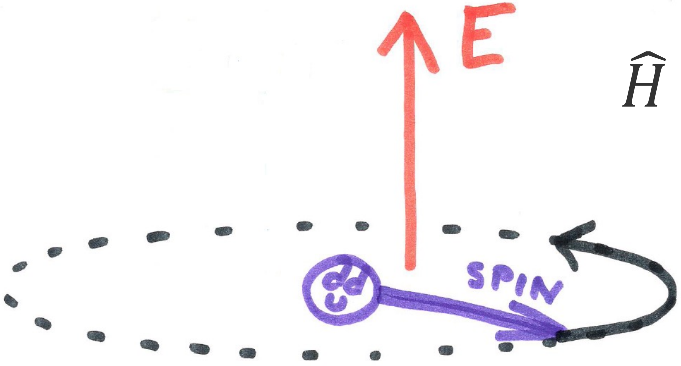
^{114}In @ ISOLDE
^{6}He @ LPC (bSTILED)
^{6}He @ NSCL
...

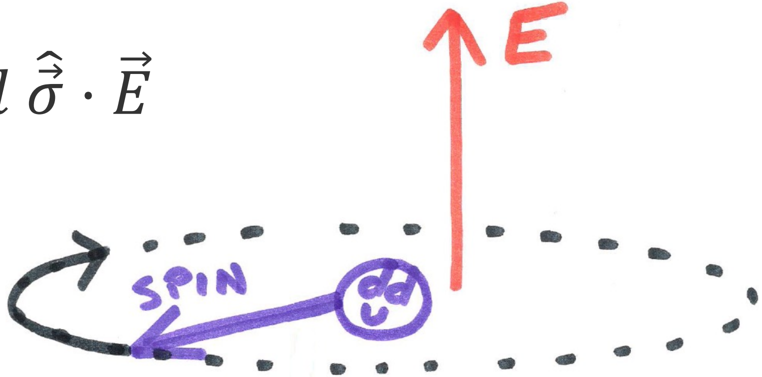
THE MORA PROJECT
MATTER'S ORIGIN FROM RADIOACTIVITY

See talk by N. Goyal

EDMs: coupling between spin and E-field

$$\hat{H} = -d\,\hat{\vec{\sigma}} \cdot \vec{E}$$



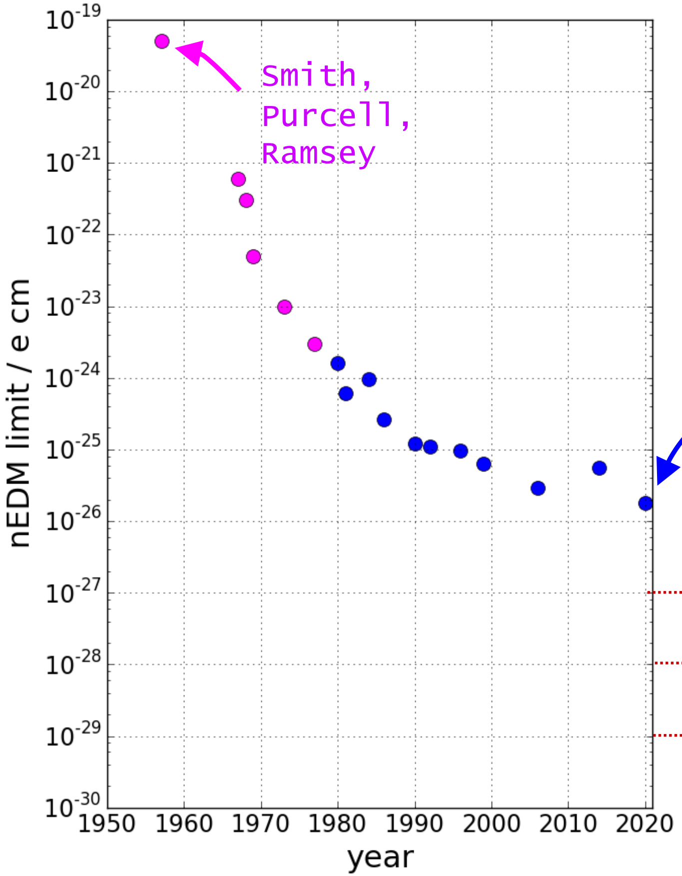


>> PLAY >>   << REWIND <<

If $d \neq 0$ the process and its time reversed version are different.

Violation of T $\xrightarrow{\text{CPT}}$ Violation of CP

The neutron EDM is still zero



Best limit (nEDM@PSI)
Abel et al, PRL **124**, 081803 (2020)

$$|d_n| < 1.8\times10^{-26}\ e\ \mathrm{cm}$$

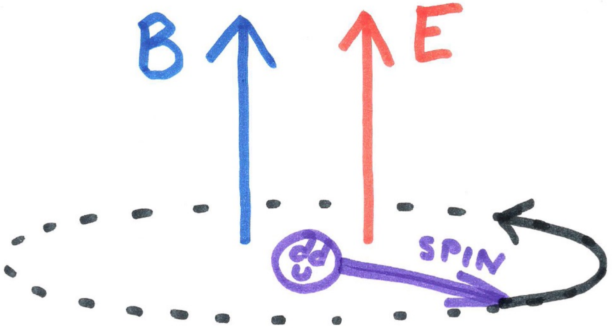
Design sensitivity range of 4 experiments
n2EDM @PSI, panEDM @ILL, LANL EDM, tucan @TRIUMF
under construction now

Design sensitivity EDM@SNS, starting 2028

Possible reach with present neutron sources

CKM background uncertain, possibly 10^{-31} e cm

Basics of nEDM measurement



Larmor frequency
$f = 30\ \mathrm{Hz} @ B = 1\ \mu\mathrm{T}$

$$2\pi f = \frac{2\mu}{\hbar} B \pm \frac{2d}{\hbar} |E|$$

If $d = 10^{-26}\ e\ \mathrm{cm}$ and $E = 11\ \mathrm{kV/cm}$
one full turn in a time

$$\frac{\pi\hbar}{dE} = \mathbf{200\ days}$$

To detect such a minuscule coupling
- Long interaction time
- High intensity/statistics
- Control the magnetic field

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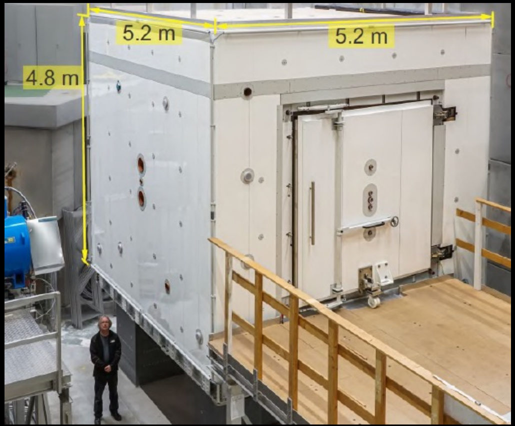
Build colossal magnetic shields



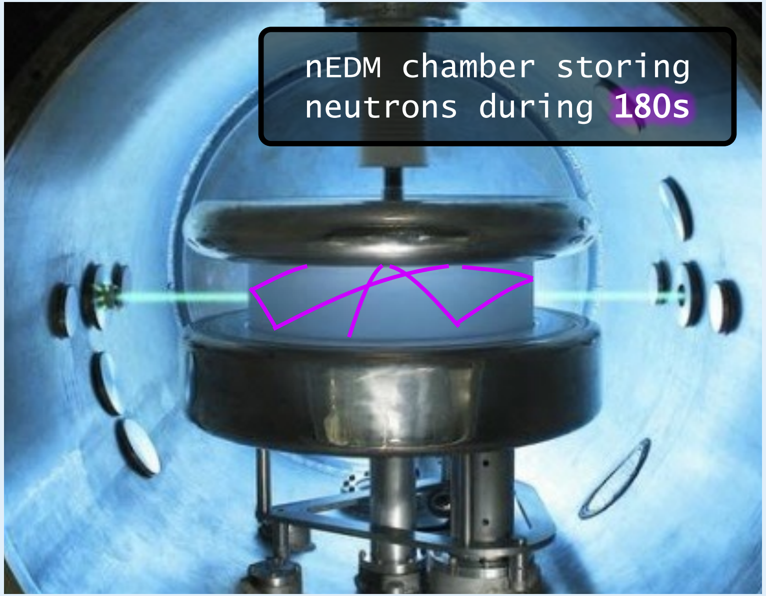
n2EDM

6 layers of mu-metal
Shielding factor 100,000

+ Use quantum magnetometry

Use Ultracold neutrons

Neutrons with velocity <5m/s (E<200neV) can undergo total reflection and be stored in material "bottles"



nEDM chamber storing neutrons during **180s**

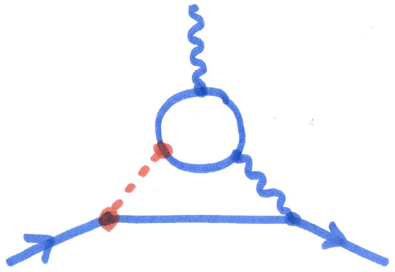
EDMs beyond the SM: modified Higgs couplings

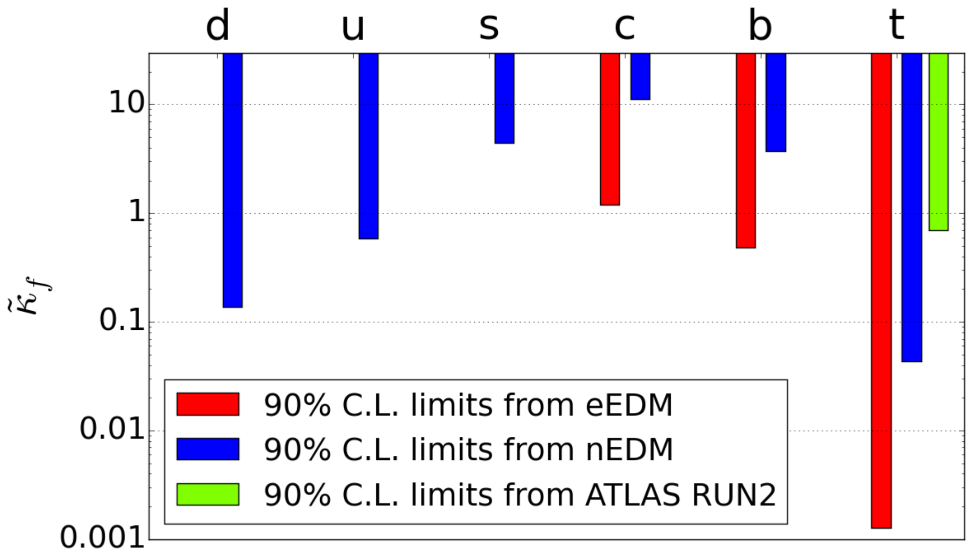
Modified Higgs-fermion Yukawa coupling

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{y_f}{\sqrt{2}}\left(\kappa_f \bar{f} f h + i\tilde{\kappa}_f \, \bar{f}\gamma_5 f h\right)$$

CP

Generates EDM at 2 loops
Barr, Zee, PRL 65 (1990)





Brod, Haich, Zupan, 1310.1385
Brod, Stamou, 1810.12303
Brod, Skodras, 1811.05480
ATLAS, PRL 125, 061802 (2020)

Concluding view: hunt for forbidden couplings...

Beyond SM physics =
EFT with fundamental degrees of freedom:
quarks & leptons, gauge, Higgs

EFT with nucleons, leptons and photons

Lee-Yang operators:
semileptonic, isospin changing

$$-\mathcal{L}_{LY} = C_V \left(\bar{p}\gamma^\mu n + \frac{C_A}{C_V}\bar{p}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5 n \right) \times \bar{e}\gamma_\mu(1-\gamma_5)\nu_e + C_S\,\bar{p}n \times \bar{e}(1-\gamma_5)\nu_e + \frac{1}{2} C_T\,\bar{p}\sigma^{\mu\nu}n \times \bar{e}\sigma_{\mu\nu}(1-\gamma_5)\nu_e + hc$$

Isospin-diagonal, CPV operators

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{EDM}} = \frac{1}{2} d_n\, \bar{n}\sigma_{\mu\nu} i\gamma_5 n\, F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} C_S^0\, \bar{n}n\, \bar{e}i\gamma_5 e + \cdots$$

Nuclear Beta decay alphabet:
a, b, A, B, D

$$\frac{dW(\mathbf{J})}{dE_e d\Omega_e d\Omega_\nu}$$

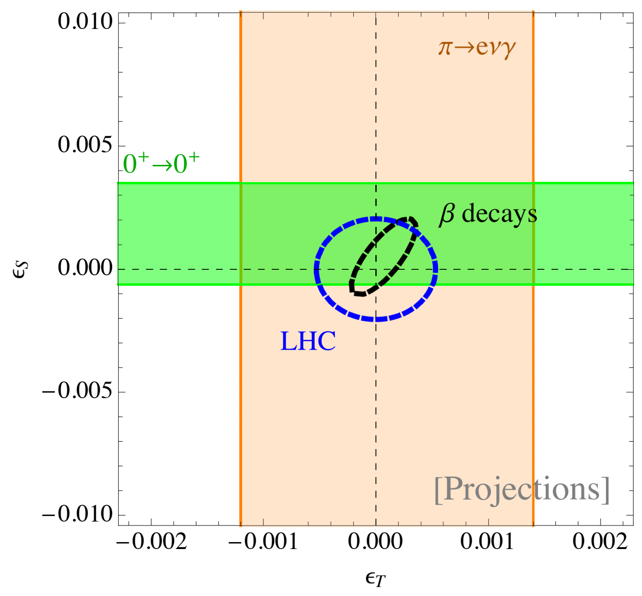
EDMs of nucleons and atoms

$$\hat{H} = -d\,\hat{\vec{\sigma}} \cdot \vec{E}$$

Observables

Thank you for your attention

Back up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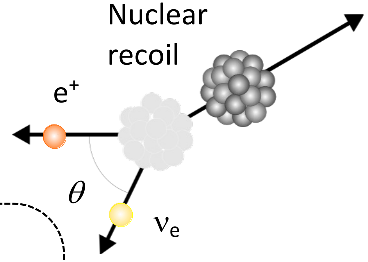
$\pi \to e\nu\gamma$
$0^+ \to 0^+$
β decays
LHC
[Projections]

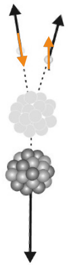
Correlation measurements : WISArD



- **Decay rate for non polarized nuclei :**

$$dW = dW_0\left(1 + a\frac{\mathbf{p}_e \cdot \mathbf{p}_\nu}{E_e E_\nu} + b\frac{m_e}{E_e}\right)$$

Pure F transition ΔJ=0 S=0

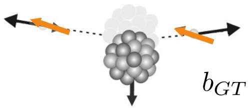


$$a_F \cong 1 - \frac{|C_S|^2 + |C'_S|^2}{|C_V|^2} \quad = 1$$

$$b_F \approx \pm Re\left(\frac{C_S + C'_S}{C_V}\right) \quad = 0$$

➪Best measurement a_F at 0.45%

Pure GT transition ΔJ=0 or 1 S=1



$$a_{GT} \cong -\frac{1}{3}\left(1 - \frac{|C_T|^2 + |C'_T|^2}{|C_A|^2}\right) \quad = -1/3$$

$$b_{GT} \approx \pm Re\left(\frac{C_T + C'_T}{C_A}\right) \quad = 0$$

➪Best measurement a_{GT} at < ~1%

Gorelov, A. et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 1425 (2005)
Johnson, C.H. et al, Phys. Rev. 132, 1149 (1963)